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Chairman, Library Committee." In case you haven't seen a copy, let me whet your appetite for this issue by quoting the first paragraph of Mr. Bullard's article:

A frequently voiced concern of librarians today is the uncomfortable sense that unless their libraries are "computerized" they have somehow missed the boat. This pressure, if I may call it that, seems to emanate in part from a segment of the library profession which delights in the acronyms and buzz words of the computer community. The pressure also comes from college and university administrators who want their institutions to be numbered among those prestigious few that can boast a computerized approach to the 21st century. In academic pride there too often can be very little real concern for, or knowledge of, whether a computer application is appropriate or economically feasible.

## ACRL Grants Awarded

Fifteen grants have been awarded to college and university libraries by the Grants Committee of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association. The grants were awarded to College of Saint Francis, Joliet, Illinois; Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota; Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Arizona; Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon; Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina; Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota; Nazareth College of Rochester, Rochester, New York; Pacific Union College, Angwin, California; Roberts Wesleyan College, North Chili, New York; Seattle Pacific College, Seattle, Washington; Sienna Heights College, Adrian, Michigan; Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas; Villa Madonna College, Covington, Kentucky; William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

All grants are in the form of cash awards based on past applications and the experience of the committee. The Grants Committee had previously announced that it would not request applications this year but would award grants to institutions based on applications received during past years and on the experience of the Committee. Only cash awards to support library programs will be made. This is the fifteenth year of the ACRL Grants Program.

The total income to the fund for the year 1969/70 was \$38,500. The major support for these efforts was once again provided by The United States Steel Foundation, Inc. Other con-

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The funds were distributed without regard to location or affiliation of the schools. The Grants Committee for 1969/70 is chaired by H. Vail Deale, Beloit College. The committee members are Humphrey G. Bousfield, Brooklyn College; Miss Johnnie E. Givens, Austin Peay State College; Mrs. Virginia Lacy Jones, Atlanta University; Rev. Vincent R. Negherbon, TOR, Saint Francis College; Mrs. Jessie Carney Smith, Fisk University; and Donald E. Vincent, University of New Hampshire. Philip J. McNiff, president of ACRL and Donald Thomas, Executive Secretary of ACRL were members *ex officio*.

## MAGNETIC TAPE CASSETTES

A project has been proposed to standardize digital magnetic tape cassettes. These cassettes are used as a vehicle for the magnetic tape storage medium in a variety of keyboard-driven data transcription devices, such as those manufactured by Computer Access Systems, Computer Terminal Corporation, Data Action, IBM, Sanders, Sycor, Viatron, and others. In the absence of standardization a cassette designed to be used with the equipment of one manufacturer is not necessarily usable with the equipment of another. American National Standards Institute (formerly USASI, the United States of America Standards Institute) Committee X3—Computers and Information Processing—Standards Planning and Requirements Committee (SPARC) would like to form an *ad hoc* committee to advise on the appropriateness of this proposed project. The SPARC is particularly anxious to obtain on this *ad hoc* advisory committee representatives not only of equipment manufacturers but also of users. If you or your library is a user, either present or planned, of computer input equipment employing magnetic tape cassettes and would like to participate in this useful activity, your contribution will be very much appreciated. For more information contact either Charles A. Phillips, Chairman, ANSI X3, c/o BEMA/DPG, 235 East 42nd Street, New York 10017, or David L. Weisbrod, ALA Representative to ANSI X3, Box 1059 Yale Station, New Haven, Connecticut 06520.

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